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REF: SAO PAULO 0873 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLHA DE SAO PAULO MARCH 30 PUBLISHED COMPLETE TEXTS OF CARDINAL ARN'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 29, 1977 TO PRESIDENT CARTER, INCLUDING LIST OF 23 DISAPPEARED PERSONS, AND PRESIDENT'S REPLY. PUBLISHED VERSION OF REPLY IS TEXT OF CONGEN TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO CARDINAL SENDING HIM TELEGRAPHIC TEXT RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT AND TAKEN TO CARDINAL'S OFFICE JANUARY 3 BY CONGEN POLITICAL OFFICER, DURING CONGEN'S ABSENCE FROM CONSULAR DISTRICT ON LEAVE. COMMENT: SOURCE IS OBVIOUSLY JAMES WRIGHT, PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY, WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF RICARDO CARVALHO, AUTHOR OF THE FOLHA ARTICLE.

2. TEXTS ARE INCLUDED IN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN CARDINAL AND PRESIDENT ON PAGES 10 AND 11 WITH LARGE PHOTOGRAPH OF CARDINAL AND UNDERNEATH TWO PICTURES OF YOUNG DISAPPEARED PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE DUAL BRAZILIAN/AMERICAN NATIONALS WHEN THEY DISAPPEARED: PAULO STUART WRIGHT AND STUART
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EDGARD ANGEL JONES. COMMENT: PAULO WRIGHT IS JAMES WRIGHT'S BROTHER AND APPEARS ON LIST OF 23 NAMES SENT BY CARDINAL TO PRESIDENT. CONGEN'S LAST INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT WAS THAT PAULO PROBABLY HAD LOST HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP: LETTER TO SENATOR PERCY DATED 8/7/74, SIGNED BY LINWOOD HOLTON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS STATED: "ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL DETERMINATION CONCERNING MR. WRIGHT'S CITIZENSHIP HAS BEEN MADE, THIS

ACT PROBABLY WAS EXPATRIATIVE (ELECTION IN EARLY 1960'S AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN SANTA CATARINA CONGEN COMMENT)". THIS SAME FORMULATION WAS USED IN A TELEGRAM TO EMBASSY BRASILIA ON 10/10/74 FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THE LAST DOCUMENT IN CONGEN FILE ON PAULO WIRHGT CASE.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON WRIGHT'S CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND THAT OF STUART EDGARD ANGEL JONES IN NEXT PARAGRAPH.

4. STUART JONES CASE IS UNKNOWN TO CONGEN. FOLHA DE SAO PAULO MARCH 30 ALSO CARRIES A LIST OF 15 ADDITIONAL PERSONS WHOM "LAWYERS CONNECTED WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAO PAULO" IDENTIFIED AS DISAPPEARED PERSONS AFTER THE OCTOBER 29 CARDINAL ARNS LETTER. STUART JONES INCLUDED IN THIS LIST AS A STUDENT WHO IS MISSING SINCE MAY 14,1971 IN RIO. (COMMENT: CONGEN RIO MAY HAVE A FILE.) NEXT TO LIST OF 15 NAMES IS FIVE PARAGRAPH ARTICLE ON JONES. SUMMARY AS FOLLOWS: ACCORDING TO JONES' FAMILY HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY SECURITY AGENTS IN RIO ON MAY 14,1971 AND TAKEN TO THE CENTRO DE INFORMACOES E SEGURANCA DA AERONAUTICA (CISA) AT THE GALEAO AIR BASE IN RIO AND THERE SEVERELY TORTURED ALL DAY DIEING EARLY ON THE MORNING OF THE 15TH BY CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AFTER BEING TIED TO A CAR AND DRAGGED AROUND THE YARD OF THE CISA FOR HOURS BREATHING THE CAR EXHAUST. THE FAMILY WAS TOLD THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH BY A FELLOW PRISONER AND STUDENT, ALEX POLARI DE ALVERGA, WHO WITNESSED THE EVENTS, FROM A WINDOW OF HIS CELL, AS ALVERGA STATED IN A LETTER TO JONES'S MOTHER. JONES'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOTHER, ZUZU ANGEL TOOK THE MATTER UP WITH SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, WHO DISCUSSED THE MATTER IN THE SENATE. (FOLHA ALLEGES THAT JONES HAD AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP DERIVATIVELY THROUGH HIS FATHER.) FOLHA ALLEGES THAT THE SUBSEQUENT RETIREMENT OF AIR FORCE BRIGADIER JOAO PAULO PENIDO BURNIER, THEN COMMANDER OF THE III AIR ZONE, AND AIR FORCE BRIGADIER AFONSO DELLAMORA, THEN COMMANDER OF CISA, WAS ATTRIBUTED TO AMERICAN PRESSURES IN THE JONES CASE. IN 1976, FOLHA CONTINUES, WHEN SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS IN BRAZIL, ZUZU ANGEL GAVE HIM A PERSONAL LETTER CONCERNING THE CASE WITH ENCLOSURES. AFTER RECEIVING SEVERAL THREATS TO HER LIFE BY TELEPHONE, ZUZU ANGEL DIED IN AN AUTOMOBILE CRASH WHICH HER FRIENDS INCLUDING BRAZILIAN HISTORIAN, HELIO SILVA, TO WHOM SHE HAD GIVEN A FILE ON HER SON'S CASE, CONSIDERED SUSPICIOUS (CONGEN RECALLS THE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE DEATH.). ALEX POLARI DE ALVARENGA, ACCORDING TO FOLHA, IS CURRENTLY SERVING A SENTENCE IN THE FREI CANECA PENITENTIARY IN RIO AND STUART ANGEL JONES WAS OFFICIALLY CONSIDERED IN DEFIANCE OF THE COURT, JUDGED AND ABSOLVED BY MILITARY COURTS (COMMENT: PRESUMABLY IN ABSENTIA), ACCORDING TO FOLHA.

5. FOLHA ARTICLE STATES THA CARDINAL ARNS WILL BRING PRESIDENT CARTER A DOCUMENT SIGNED BY HIM AND CARDINAL STEPHEN HWAN KIM

OF SOUTH KOREA AND BISHOP DONALD LAMONT, ALL THREE OF WHOM WERE HONORED AT NOTRE DAME WITH THE PRESIDENT LAST MAY, IN WHICH THE THREE CLERGEMEN PROMISE TO CONTINUE FIGHTING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS UNTIL ALL OBSTACLES TO THEM ARE OVERCOME AROUND THE WORLD. IF THE CARDINAL IS UNABLE TO HAVE A PRIVATE INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT, HE WILL HAND THE PRESIDENT A DOCUMENT CONCERNING THE PREOCCUPATIONS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WITH PROBLEMS IN THE THIRD WORLD, FOLHA STATES. IF THE CARDINAL HAS A CHANCE FOR A PRIVATE INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT, HE WILL SUMMARIZE HIS VIEWS ORALLY, FOLHA ADDS.

6. COMMENT: CONGEN CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT CARDINAL ARNS'S INTENTIONS IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REACHED FOLHA THROUGH JAMES WRIGHT. WRIGHT AND THE CARDINAL ARE CLOSE (SEE SAO PAULO'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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0869, BEING REPEATED RIO DE JANEIRO). WHEN WRIGHT VISITED CONSUL GENERAL MARCH 6 HE WAS ASKED NOT TO PUBLISH FULL TEXTS OF LETTERS AND PROMISED NOT TO DO SO (SEE SAO PAULO 0649). HE HAS NOT APPARENTLY BROKEN HIS PROMISE. O ESTADO, OTHER MAJOR SAO PAULO DAILY HAS BRIEF ANODYNE ARTICLE ON MEETING WITH DISTINGUISHED BRAZILIAN LEADERS.
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